

PATENT APPL. NO. 09/064,000

In accordance with the Examiner's requirement, Applicant elects to prosecute species c) of Part I identified as a living organism. Applicant believes that claims 192, 193, 195-199, 211-251, 253, 254, 256-261, 272-312, 314, 315, 317-321, 333-374, and 376-381 are readable on said species c). Applicant considers that the above claims are generic to other, more specific growth factors; or are sub generic from other broader growth factors; or involve placement and activation techniques suitable for use with living organism growth factors.

Also in accordance with the Examiner's requirement that Applicant further elects a single product or structure should specie c) be elected, Applicant hereby elects the living organism growth factor identified by claims 379-381; i.e., where the living organism growth factor is multifactorial and non-specific.

Also in accordance with the Examiner's requirement, Applicant elects to prosecute Species 2) of Part II identified as non-resorbable. Applicant believes that claims 192-225, 227-252, 253-286, 288-313, 314-348, and 350-381 are readable on said Species 2) because non-resorbable carriers could be used in all such claims.

It is believed that the above-mentioned elected claims are in condition for examination in view of the above remarks, and an early action on the merits of such claims is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any questions or require additional information or discussion to place the application in condition for allowance, a phone call to the undersigned attorney would be appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

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